



Pitch Pine

Pinus rigida

Growing Information

- Plant Type: Tree
- Sunlight: Sun
- Soils: Dry, average
- Bloom Time: May, June
- Size: 30-60ft in height; 15-25ft spread

The hardy Pitch Pine is suitable for planting in dry soil that other plants don't tolerate. It grows rapidly once established in bare, sandy, poor soil. It is resistant to fire, deer, salt, and injury. It sends out shoots from the trunk in response to stress.

Garden Companions

Bayberry (*Morella caroliniensis*), Black Huckleberry (*Gaylussacia baccata*), Scrub Oak (*Quercus ilicifolia*), White Oak (*Quercus alba*)

Nature Benefits

- Larval host for Pine-devil moth.
- Seeds feed squirrels, birds, and other wildlife.

Natural Habitat

Occurs in sandy barrens, coastal plains, and part of the pitch pine-oak plant community.